**PA Social Studies Standards in a Nutshell….**

1. **4 Main Subject Areas**
   1. Civics and Government
   2. Economics
   3. Geography
   4. History
2. **Standard areas**
   1. Average of 4 subsections for each subject area
   2. Concepts/topics are similar from 7-12
   3. DOK increases from grade 7-12 (critical thinking skills)
      1. 7th grade = explain, cite, summarize, list, classify
      2. 9th grade = interpret, demonstrate, explain, analyze
      3. 12th grade = compare/contrast, evaluate, analyze
3. **Civics and Government**
   1. Principles and documents of Government
      1. Political philosophies
      2. Individual Rights, Functions of Law
      3. US and PA Constitution, Bill of Rights
   2. Rights and responsibilities of citizenship
      1. Civic obligation
      2. Conflict/Resolution techniques
   3. How government works
      1. Local, State, Federal Powers
      2. Global Relations
      3. Voting process
      4. Political Parties, Interest Groups, Mass Media
   4. How international relationships function
      1. Foreign Policy Perspectives
      2. International Organizations
4. **Economics**
   1. Scarcity and Choice
      1. Effective allocation of resources
      2. Production, distribution, and marketing of goods and services
      3. Analyzing opportunity costs
   2. Markets and Economic Systems
      1. Effects of market competition
      2. Evaluating supply and demand
      3. Comparing/contrasting economic systems
   3. Functions of government
      1. Analyzing cost/benefit analysis
      2. Government’s role in international trade
   4. Economic interdependence (The Global Community)
      1. Evaluating multinational corporations
      2. Technology and Transportation’s impact on the global community
   5. Income, profit, and wealth
      1. Factors influencing wages
      2. Impact of entrepreneurs on the economy
      3. Analyzing risk/returns of various investments
5. **Geography**
   1. Basic Geographic Literacy
      1. Common knowledge of geographical tools
      2. Explaining/locating places and regions
   2. Physical Characteristics of Places and Regions
      1. Analyzing physical processes that change the Earth
   3. Human characteristics of Places and Regions
      1. Analyzing population, culture, settlement, economic/political activities
   4. Interactions Between People and the Environment
      1. Analyzing global effects of human and physical change
6. **History**
   1. Historical Analysis and Skills Development
      1. Understanding continuity and change over time
      2. Formulating a thesis statement
      3. Analyzing primary and secondary sources
   2. Pennsylvania History
      1. Prominent individuals and groups in Pennsylvania and their contributions to the social, economic, cultural, and political development of U.S.
      2. Identify and evaluate conflict and cooperation among various groups in Pennsylvania
      3. Continuity and change in Pennsylvania and its interrelation throughout U.S. History
   3. United States History
      1. Prominent individuals and groups and their contributions to the social, economic, cultural, and political development of U.S.
      2. Identify and evaluate conflict and cooperation among various groups in the United States that have influenced the growth/development of the world
      3. Continuity and change in U.S. History and its interrelation with the world
   4. World History
      1. Prominent individuals and groups and their contributions to the social, economic, cultural, and political development throughout world history
      2. Identify and evaluate conflict and cooperation among various groups in the United States that have influenced the development of the world
      3. Continuity and change and its impact on world history